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Coast Guard Captain of the Port to be honored at Change of Command ceremony

JEFFERSONVILLE, IN, July 17, 2002 – Recently selected for promotion to Captain, Commander William R. Marhoffer, the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, will turn over command of Marine Safety Office Louisville on July 17, 2002 to Commander Terry D. Gilbreath. Since taking command in June of 2000, Commander Marhoffer has been the chief maritime guardian of a zone comprising three-fourths of the states of Kentucky and Indiana, one-third of Ohio, and one-fifth of Illinois. Waterways management, recreational boating safety, marine environmental protection, commercial vessel inspection, and marine casualty investigations are among the many missions of the Marine Safety Office Louisville.

Commander Marhoffer has made countless contributions to maritime safety throughout the Ohio River Valley—most notably was the formation and leadership of the highly successful "Thunder Over Louisville" Marine Safety Coalition. Also, the Propeller Club of the U. S. awarded him "Maritime Person of the Year" honors for the Louisville area in 2002.

The formal Change of Command ceremony will take place at 10:00 a. m. at American Commercial Lines, Roof Garden, 1701 East Market Street in Jeffersonville, IN. For more information contact Lieutenant Steven M. Garcia at the number above.